working plan. If there is no sanctioned working plan, then a provisional plan will be followed.

Mr. K. C. SUBBANNA.—Nearly 5,000 tons of fuel have been cut in the Gundlupet Taluk. Was it under a working plan or a provisional plan?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It was done according to a working plan.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—The supply of fuel has increased enormously in recent years. What is it due to?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That is due to increase in the distillation of sandalwood oil. Formerly, coal and paddy husk were being used for the purpose, but now fuel has replaced it and that accounts for the larger consumption of fuel.

### Revival of the Intermediate College at Shimoga.

*Q.*—30. Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA (Shimoga Municipality).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the strength in the colleges at Mysore and Bangalore has been increasing;

(*b*) whether the University authorities would be consulted regarding the revival of the Intermediate College in view of the growing importance of Shimoga District;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the decision arrived at at the recent Senate Committee about this?

*A.*—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The University have been consulted in the matter.

(*c*) There was no Senate Committee to enquire into the question.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—There is a slight mistake in the question. It should be "Senate" and *not* "Senate Committee" in clause (*c*). Now, are the Government aware that there was a discussion in the Senate that apart from the cities of Bangalore and Mysore, there should be Intermediate Colleges in some other places also?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Will any action be taken to open an Intermediate College in any other district headquarter town?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It will not be possible to do so during the coming year.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Will the Government be pleased to take urgent action on the representation made to the Dewan during his last visit to Shimoga that an Intermediate College may be opened at Shimoga?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The University were consulted in the matter and they have stated that it is not possible to provide buildings, equipment, furniture, etc., in a short time. The question will be taken up next year, *i.e.*, 1940-41.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—May we hope that at least next year, an Intermediate College will be opened at Shimoga?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—That is the idea.

Nawab SHER KHAN.—What became of the building in which the Intermediate College was originally located?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It has been handed over to the Education Department for holding the high school classes. If the college should be located there, the high school classes would have to be shifted to some other building.

Mr. SHER KHAN.—Is it not a fact that an Intermediate College existed at Shimoga before?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. SHER KHAN.—In view of the difficulties felt by poor boys to go all the way to the cities for prosecuting their studies, will the Government be pleased to start a college at Shimoga next year?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—As stated already, there is not time enough to do so from July 1939.

Mr. T. SYED KHAJA PIRAN SAHIB.—Are the Government aware that in the past both the College and

the High School were located in the same building ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I am not aware.

Mr. T. SYED KHAJA PIRAN SAHIB.—Now that the building has been extended, why not the college be located there? If that be found inconvenient, why should not the Government secure a building on rent for the High School and make available the old building for holding the Intermediate College?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—As already stated, it is not possible to do anything within the short space of one month now.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—Has not the Vice-Chancellor made a recommendation that an Intermediate College should be opened at Tumkur ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I am not aware.

Mr. B. SITHARAMIAH.—Has not the District Board of Tumkur sent up a resolution that an Intermediate College be established at Tumkur ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. B. SITHARAMIAH.—Will the question be considered by Government sympathetically ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The question as to where the Intermediate College should be located will be decided after the receipt of a report from the University.

## Gold Mining Operations in Honnali Taluk.

Q.—31. Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA (Sorab Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that gold-mining operations will commence in Honnali Taluk in Shimoga District ;

(*b*) when will they commence ;

(*c*) whether this work will be undertaken by Government or any private company ;

(*d*) whether any estimate of income and expenditure to Government under this scheme has been prepared ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Two licences to prospect for Gold have been granted in the Honnali Taluk.

(*b*) No mining lease has been granted.

(*c*) and (*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.— Have prospecting licences been granted to any firm or to private individuals ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—They have been granted to two private persons.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.—Are they Mysoreans ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.—Were any conditions imposed at the time the licences were granted ? If so what are they ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The licences are granted subject to the conditions enumerated in the rules framed for the purpose. A copy of the rules will be furnished to the member if necessary as it will not be possible to explain all the rules here as there are 30 to 40 clauses in the terms of agreement.

Mr GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.—Does prospecting entail any expenditure on Government ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Had licences been granted to anybody in the past for prospecting in the area ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Many years back, a licence had been granted.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Had a licence been granted to the Indian Development Syndicate for the purpose ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—They had been given a licence for prospecting throughout the whole State.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—And they did some prospecting in the area under reference and gave it up ultimately, is it not ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—If the present licence-holders are Mysoreans, will the Government be good enough to give them any special facilities which they might require ?